MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The Division Officer, Nagercoil, visited the spot on 15-2-1115, 30-2- 116 and 25-5-1116.

(*c*) Approximate cost of the necessary works is estimated to be Rs. 410.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether the construction of the parapet wall has been sanctioned by Government?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: It is not necessary that it should be sanctioned by Government. The Executive Engineer has been asked to carry out the work.

Rajakamangalam Allom.

277. ✱ MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal for the installation of an oil engine and pipe line for taking brine from the sea to the Rajakamangalam allom;

(*b*) if so, whether the estimate for the work was sanctioned;

(*c*) the year of the sanction;

(*d*) whether any amount for the work was spent in 1114 or 1115 or 1116; and

(*e*) whether there was a custom or contract between the licensees and Government that the latter should supply the old allom at Rajakamangalam with good brine?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 1113.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Government have to arrange for the supply of brine required for the monopoly factory at Rajakamangalam.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the necessity for installation of an oil engine and pipe line in the Rajakamangalam allom?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: To ensure a steady supply of sea brine.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the amount of the estimate?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The estimate that was originally made had to be recast and it is pending scrutiny. If the honorable member wants to know the amount of the original estimate, it was Rs. 14,500. The new estimate has not been made yet.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether Government are spending any amount now for the supply of brine to the allom?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: No.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why Government are not spending any amount for the supply of brine to the Rajakamangalam allom?

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MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, brine is being supplied to that allom through the bar by natural process. Brine flows in during high tides; money is spent for putting up bunds. This system is found to be sufficient for the time being.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Am I to understand that Government are in any way bound to supply brine to this factory?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, Sir. In this factory, which is a Government monopoly factory, Government are bound to see that brine is supplied.

P. W. Allotment for Nagercoil for 1116.

273. *MR K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total allotment, under works and repairs for the P. W. Division, Nagercoil, for the year 1116; and

(*b*) the percentage of the amount allotted and spent for the first quarter of 1116?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) & (*b*) A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Census Enumerators.

279. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Census enumerators, in each of the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram and Kalkulam.

(*b*) the number of

(i) Christian enumerators among them; and

(ii) Hindu enumerators among them; and

(*c*) the number of Nadar enumerators (Hindu) in each of the three taluks.

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

Taluk.	*Total*	*Hindus (including Nadars).*	*Christian*	*(Hindu) Nadars*
Tovala ...	45	36	6	...
Agastiswaram ...	107	66	27	14
Kalkulam ...	165	121	33	2
Nagercoil town ...	49	41	2	3
Colachel Town ...	6	1	5	...
Padmanabhapuram town. ...	8	1	7	...

* Vide Appendix II, page 436.

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